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REFERENCE TO: THUNDERBIRD SAM SITE
KHAMIS MUSHAYT, SAUDI ARABIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: NEWLY IDENTIFIED THUNDERBIRD SAM SITE.
2. LOCATION: IN THE SOUTHERN ARABIAN PENINSULA 65 NM NORTH
OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN/YEMEN BORDER AND 6.2 NM
ESE OF KHAMIS MUSHAYT AT 1815N 04250E.
3. REMARKS: THIS IS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A THUNDER-
BIRD SAM SITE ON SYSTEM PHOTOGRAPHY.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

6. NEGATION DATE:

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

NONE

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

THE THUNDERBIRD IS A SOLID PROPELLANT SURFACE-
TO-AIR MISSILE WITH A RANGE OF 25 MILES AND
AN ALTITUDE OF 12 MILES. THE MISSILE IS

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THE THUNDERBIRD IS MADE BY

9. MISSION READOUT: INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF 4 LAUNCH POSITIONS, THREE OF WHICH ARE OCCUPIED WITH MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS AND ONE PROBABLY UNOCCUPIED. THE PROBABLE LAUNCHER CONTROL POST IS OCCUPIED WITH ONE POSSIBLE VAN TRAILER, ONE PROBABLE GENERATOR AND ONE U/I OBJECT. FIVE PROBABLE VAN TRAILERS (POSSIBLY TARGET ILLUMENATING RADAR/RADIO RELAY) ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 500 FT NORTH OF THE LAUNCH POSITIONS. AN ADMINISTRATIVE AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 18 TENTS IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FT NE OF THE LAUNCH AREA.

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